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Tax Limitation Initiative and Referendum

By Preston Adams

If you are registered to vote in Colorado, you may wish to support a Tax Limitation Amendment on the statewide November ballot. This amendment to the Colorado constitution should be of serious concern to all Libertarian renters and homeowners as it would greatly affect their taxes. During the past year property owners and landlords watched as tax bills increased approximately 14% over prior year, 1985, taxes; and this may be just the beginning.

Next January 1st all real estate assessments in the state will shift from 1977 to 1985 market values. For all property owners this translates into an increase (if you are standing, please sit down) in assessed

valuation of between 200% - 250%!

The massive reassessment results from the inflation of the 1970s combined with House Concurrent Resolution No. 1005, that was passed in 1982 to get a reassessment of property every two years for equalization of rural school districts, beginning on January 1, 1987.

To further complicate matters, the current legislature, sensing an impending tax disaster, tried vainly just before it recessed in May to place a ceiling on the 1987 impact. Unfortunately, the legislators were unresolved in their intended purpose and self interest for the benefit of the state prevailed. House Bill No. 1003 was signed into law on May 16, 1986, and guarantees that beginning with 1986 assessments due in

1987, the base property tax will double every eleven years. Furthermore, added to this ever-increasing base tax will be the expense of all new capital improvement, the payment of all bonded indebtedness, and the cost of all voter approved mill levy increases brought about by elections. To quote Representative Bill Owens of Aurora, "Now that HB-1003 has passed, even though it should have been killed before the final vote, we will have to live with it in the legislature for a couple of years until things settle down. To jump right back next year and change things again would be awkward for everyone in the legislature."

This resulting Tax Limitation Petition Initiative and Referendum is the last resort of the taxpayers and Libertarians:

Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution prohibiting new or increased state or local taxes without the approval, at a biennial election, of the voters of the unit of government proposing or increasing the tax, and requiring the state to provide the funds for any increase in spending it mandates for a political subdivision? Yes/No

If you would like to assist in this effort or can make a contribution toward its passage in November, please contact Mr. Steve Shoe, c/o American Furniture Warehouse in Denver (292-0514).

"When your outgo exceeds your income, then your upkeep will be your downfall."—Paul Gann, Co-author Proposition 13, California.

The Anti-Gay Ruling

By Rev. Chris Mohr

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Poll Results

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Libertarians Go to the People's



By Rev. Chris Mohr

As any government becomes more and more oppressive, it is bound to disenfranchise larger and larger segments of its subjects. Nowhere is this more evident than in the recent US Supreme Court ruling, which upheld a Georgia sodomy law and effectively opened the door for unprecedented state violence against gays.

Laws against sodomy have been on the books of many state and local governments for centuries. But as the society at large began to develop a more libertarian attitude about sexuality, these laws fell into disuse. Two years ago it would have been reasonable to predict that these archaic laws would be effectively eradicated within a decade.

No more. The US Supreme Court decided that since gays were oppressed by anti-sodomy laws when the Constitution was drawn up, it was a noble tradition that could legitimately be upheld. They did not consider it "cruel and unusual punishment" to imprison someone for twenty years for having oral sex in the privacy of their bedrooms, even if it were a heterosexual married couple. They did not consider it a violation of religious freedom, even though anti-sodomy laws are specifically Christian in origin and even through every major city in the US has active congregations of "gay churches." They did not consider it a violation of everyone's right to freedom of association, the right to be secure in one's person and effects. A Supreme Court that so blatantly ignores the very Constitution it is sworn to uphold deserves the support of nobody.

Gay activists have fought hard for decades to get the government out of their bedrooms. Now they have no avenue for appeal left. When a gay person pays taxes, it is to buy the weapons the government needs to destroy him. Over a hundred years ago Henry David Thoreau, in speaking out against government-sanctioned slavery,

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News Flash

David Aitken, candidate for State House of Representatives in District 6, and Geoffrey Lloyd, candidate for State Senate in District 32, have successfully completed the petition drive for ballot status and will appear on the ballot in the November 4, 1986 election.

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that upheld the right of states to ban certain sexual acts between consenting adults is supported by just one in five Coloradans, according to The Denver Post-NewsCenter 4 Poll.

Here's how Coloradans feel about the recent decision:

Do you agree or disagree with the Supreme Court's decision upholding a state law that makes oral sex between consenting adults a crime?

Agree.....19%
Disagree.....72%
Not Sure.....9%

Do you agree or disagree that government has no business controlling or regulating the private sexual practices between consulting adults?

Agree.....77%
Disagree.....16%
Not Sure.....7%

Do you agree or disagree that sexual intercourse between two people of the same sex should be illegal?

Agree.....37%
Disagree.....52%
Not Sure.....11%

Source: Talmey Associates, Boulder

Reprinted from an article by Carl Miller, *The Denver Post*, August 11, 1986.

declared that he could not recognize as his government a government that sells men, women and children, and that he was withdrawing all support from such an evil institution.

Today, there are many people who have good reason to follow the moral lead of Thoreau. The gay community is only one more in a long list of people who owe nothing to a government that seeks their destruction.

It does not matter what your personal beliefs are. It does not matter which of your moral sensibilities the US governments offends. The principle is the same. Any government that forces the participation of its subjects in its activities through mandatory taxation creates a serious moral dilemma. If you have any moral sense at all, at some point you will inevitably find yourself completely opposed to the government.

Go to the People's Fair

The Libertarian Party was well-represented at this year's annual People's Fair held May 31 and June 1 at East High School. Two booths were on hand to make visitors aware of political alternatives in the U.S.: the Libertarian Party information booth, organized by Membership Chair Doug Anderson and Dave Aitken's campaign booth, located prominently on what came to be known as "Politician's Row."

The information booth, installed to inform interested persons of the philosophies and political platform of the LP, was staffed by volunteers eager and willing to answer questions as well as engage in impromptu debates. Books, buttons, bumper stickers, and t-shirts were available for sale and the public survey poll posing the question "Does government do a good job?" was a successful tool for drawing the curious to the booth. Anderson reported a net of \$87.53 for the CLP coffers, along with the encouraging news that nearly 2/3 of the votes were toward the "never" end of the spectrum. All-in-all, a success for Doug and crew—not only was a small profit turned, but a good time was had by all.

At the other end of the fairway, Dave



Aitken was busy kicking off his campaign bid for State House of Representatives in District 6. Clad in special DASH-6 campaign t-shirts, Aitken, his campaign manager, Dave Daniels and treasurer Bucky Carr, held court at his booth, greeting potential voters and sharing libertarian ideals. Situated in the midst of other candidates vying for attention, Aitken's booth, designed, constructed and assembled by fellow committee members Pat and Mike Zink, made an impressive statement of his serious intent.

This booth also urged fair-goers to vote with money on the question "Does government do a good job?" Through this informal survey, Aitken raised \$65.00 toward his campaign, with survey returns indicating 47% of the voters thought government failed to do a good job, with "rarely" and "seldom" netting 37% of the votes.

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NCBA -

A First Amendment Advocate

By Doug Nusbaum

The National Commodity and Barter Association, or NCBA, was founded in 1979 by John Grandbouche, its director until his death on the 9th of June of this year. Now under the directorship of Mr. John Voss, the NCBA is, by definition, a First Amendment association. The NCBA is dedicated to helping all Americans exercise their rights under the Constitution. It derives its First Amendment protection from that part of the amendment which states: "Congress shall make no law abridging . . . the right of the people to peaceably assemble and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

In various confrontations with the government, in particular with the IRS, the NCBA has consistently had its claims upheld, most recently in the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals. There the NCBA challenged and defeated the IRS over the use of an illegal search warrant. This warrant was used for a search and seizure operation conducted on the Denver offices in April of 1985. In its ruling (Case No. 85-1591, Sept. 30, 1985) the court stated, among other things, "Certainly, the organization's

advocation of modifying or abolishing our country's tax system is a legitimate activity. Indeed, it is an activity protected by the First Amendment."

The NCBA carries the fight for freedom forward on many fronts, but it is especially active in two areas. It is promoting the home education of children as a viable alternative to public schools. The high illiteracy rate among public school graduates, our schools' transformation into government institutions of social change and their use to teach of state values are making home education very popular among concerned parents. On the economic front the NCBA promotes the abolition of the IRS and the use of hard money to replace the intrinsically worthless Federal Reserve notes.

The NCBA consistently challenges the IRS on the legal front and in the courts, assisting its members in understanding the law and asserting their rights under the Constitution. This includes the right to keep all of the money they earn. Their most recent victory was the finding of not guilty of the charge of two counts of "willful failure to file" levied by the criminal investigation department against the current NCBA

director, John Voss, by the IRS.

The hard money fight is being waged through the establishment of private warehouses. These enable individuals to conduct their business in privacy, using silver and gold as the medium of exchange.

Members of the NCBA have access to some of the best legal help in the country as they defend themselves from the illegal and oppressive tactics of the Internal Revenue Service. This includes the Mutual Assistance Plan which provides financial assistance to NCBA members needing a licensed attorney or other legal assistance. Members may also obtain aid in defending their right to educate their own children. The NCBA maintains an extensive legal library and its bookstore has numerous works on the constitution, tax law, home education, economics and other areas of interest to free men and women.

Like the Libertarian Party, the NCBA is fighting for individual rights and liberties. It takes a constitutional approach, using the right to associate, the right of contract, and the right of privacy as key weapons in the struggle against the would-be omniscient state.

MOST RECENT FIRST AMENDMENT TRIAL RESULTS

In a lawsuit arising out of IRS actions directed against the NCBA in 1979, the legal advisers in the organization have proven a formidable adversary in the courts, and currently are presenting motions to the Court requesting that the Court order the IRS employees to show cause why they should not be held in contempt of court.

In layman's language, that means that for the first time ever, civilians—that's you and I, folks—stand a good chance of having IRS agents incarcerated.

Also as of this writing, there is a good chance that the courts will make a finding that the first amendment rights of the NCBA members were violated, and that the perpetrators of those violations are, indeed, liable for damages that could run to the tens of millions of dollars.

For those of you who wish to know more about this organization, there is a membership application elsewhere in this paper. You are, of course, free to call for information. By the time you read this, the courts may have already held IRS agents in contempt, and sentenced them to JAIL.

HELP!!!

The office acts as the clearinghouse for the vast majority of calls and contacts made with our state and national party. It has remained understaffed, and we ask for your help. Can you give a few hours per month to the office to answer the phone and send out information requests? Please call Doug Nusbaum (480-0055) to offer some time and arrange to get the keys.

Alternative to Court System Created

The American Mediation Association is the creation of Ramee McClellan. Mr. McClellan says it began as a result of his ten year participation in the deadly U.S. Justice System as a police officer in Washington, D.C.

"It didn't take a lot of intelligence to observe that the kind of justice dispensed by courts didn't satisfy the people," McClellan said. "I also learned that when warring parties chose to communicate through a neutral third party, sometimes a lasting solution could be found. The results of mediation are much more predictable and successful now than then."

Libertarian Calendar

2nd Wednesday of every month—Cocktail party. Bob and Betty Hurt's house, 1456 Fillmore St., 7:30-10:00 pm. New members, visitors welcome. Cash bar.

4th Tuesday of every month—Letter writing session. Dwight Filley, 4547 E. 16th, (near Cherry), 7:30 pm. Call 322-2689 for more info.

4th Wednesday of every month—Board of Director's meeting. 2186 S. Holly, 207B, 7:30 pm.

4th Friday of every mo.—NCBA Open House, call 337-9617

Every Tuesday—CONSTITUTIONAL LAW SEMINAR. For more details, call John Pleasant, 761-4565.

Aug 29-Sept 1—FREEDOM NOW. For more details, contact Mary Margaret, 1317 Lakewood Drive, Ft. Collins, CO 80521.

Sept 30—Deadline for submission of **LIBERTY** articles for next issue. Contact Kate Barriteau, 830-1401.

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1987 STATE CONVENTION SCHEDULED IN FORT COLLINS

Mary Margaret, an active Libertarian in Ft. Collins, presented a proposal to the 1986 State Convention attendees to hold the 1987 convention in Ft. Collins. Following a brief presentation of the planned agenda, as well as other details concerning dates, time, location and fees, the proposal was put to a vote and passed.

The 1987 convention will be held at the University Park Holiday Inn in Ft. Collins, May 22-24. Karl Hess, noted author and free-thinking advocate, will be the featured speaker, with guest presentations by Jim Turney, the National LP Chair, as well as the LP presidential and vice-presidential candidates.

The cost of the convention (which includes programs, materials, Saturday luncheon and Saturday banquet) ranges from an early bird fee of \$35.00 to an at-the-door fee of \$70.00.

For further information, contact Mary Margaret, 1317 Lakewood Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80521.

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While in D.C., McClellan studied and tested everything he could find on the subjects of mediation, arbitration and mini-courts (an invention of big business to avoid the insanities of the legal system). He studied the techniques of Girard Nierenberg and the Federal Mediation Service. He noticed two weaknesses in all of the procedures studied.

Firstly, the mediator's success depended more upon his personality and raw talent rather than any specific technique learned. Secondly, no one seemed to have a workable technology for handling human emotion and reaction which seemed to be the primary barrier to resolution. These weaknesses explained why good mediators considered mediation an unteachable art rather than a teachable science.

McClellan says that one fixed idea most people have about our current legal system is that when you hire an attorney you have given up control of your situation. The truth, according to McClellan, is that letting an attorney speak for you is your choice. You are always in control unless you choose not to be. A courtroom is just a socially

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Nov 4th—Election Day!

If anyone would like to include events of interest to Libertarians in Colorado in the bi-monthly calendar, contact Kate Barriteau, Editor, at 830-1401. News of workshops, lectures, exhibits, etc. welcome.

acceptable place to avoid responsibility. But this is still America and people can choose very often not to participate in the legal system. All it takes is the ability to confront those people with whom you have a disagreement.

One solution for Americans is mediation/arbitration, and McClellan's Method One Mediation is an example. It is the artful application of the science of communication toward dispute resolution. A Method One Mediator is a professional who has learned to help people work out solutions face-to-face.

"We will try to mediate any non-criminal dispute," says Mr. McClellan. He likes to quote the Sermon On The Mount. "Blessed

are the peacemakers, for they will see God."

"Believe me, we earn the right," he says.

"Fun Valley" Colorado has been chosen as McClellan's answer to Camp David. "There we don't have to waste words explaining the benefits of peace over strife. Peace and beauty permeate the place. It is a near perfect place for the skill of the mediator to combine clean, clear communication between participants with their own unlimited imaginations to produce the uniquely structured, co-beneficial agreement we are looking for."

For more information on the American Mediation Association, contact Ramee McClellan, PO Box 4762, Englewood, CO 80115. (303)695-6249.



Carr and Aitken ask, "Does Government do a good job?"

DASH-6: Off and Running

Dave Aitken, Libertarian candidate for the State House in District 6, has launched his campaign in a serious bid to secure votes—and success!! Dave achieved high visibility at the annual People's Fair this past spring and has already appeared at various local gatherings within his district. As early as May, he began a door-to-door canvass of his district in an effort to meet the voters and raise funds, and his campaign committee (comprised of his manager, Dave Daniels, treasurer Bucky Carr, Mike Zink, Pat Zink, and Kate Barriteau) began the petition drive necessary to secure a place on the ballot in late June.

It's an interesting race and DASH-6 (which, incidentally, stands for Dave Aitken for State House in District 6) is sure to give Jerry Kopel a run for the votes. Volunteers are needed to help with fund raising and leafletting and all financial contributions are welcome. For more info, contact Dave Daniels at 830-8125 or Dave Aitken at 831-4334.



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Geoffrey Lloyd Announces Candidacy

Geoffrey Lloyd, 30-year-old president of a private security company, announced his candidacy for State Senate District 32 at the Colorado Union of Taxpayers annual meeting.

When elected to the State Senate, Lloyd will work to repeal the State income tax, repeal the 55 m.p.h. speed limit, give tax incentives to those who support private education and reduce State spending.

Lloyd's opponent, Ray Peterson (D), was recently given the skewered taxpayer award by the Colorado Union of Taxpayers for his record of votes allegedly unfavorable to the taxpayers in the Legislature.

Geoffrey Lloyd wants Coloradans to have the lowest tax burden in the country.

For more information on Geoffrey Lloyd for State Senate, contact Timothy Lloyd, Treasurer/Campaign Manager, 350 South Lincoln Street, Denver, Colorado.



Geoffrey Lloyd

Think About It

By John S. Pleasant

When I was asked to write for this journal, my initial reaction was: Why should I share my hard earned knowledge with a bunch of people who won't understand two-thirds of what I have to say, and who will disagree with the remainder? I've talked to the Libertarians 'till I was blue in the face, and it's gone in one ear and out the other. I've got better things to do than to try to teach responsible freedom to a bunch of anarchists.

I was promptly reminded by my wife and my other friends and students that I made my share of mistakes over the years, and my ego could strut with the best; that if I had something valid to say, that might make a difference to even one other person, I had an obligation to say it and not worry whether it was heard by everyone I wished to reach; that my experience with our Constitutional study group should have shown me that patience and persistence—not arrogance—were required to get the message through.

So let me begin by apologizing for prejudging you—the reader—and determining sans proof, that you would be unable or unwilling to hear what I have to say. The error is mine, for in our Constitutional scheme, every man is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

I've been asked to write about the things I have spent the last eight of my thirty-seven years learning: the fundamentals of individual freedom in this Republic—the United States of America. The reason? To inflame, if possible, a "robust debate" among members of the Libertarian Party and others, of the best means whereby we can secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity without resorting to armed conflict and chaos, violent social upheaval, or any dictatorial means of securing badly needed political and economic changes in these United States of America.

Perhaps the most difficult lesson I have learned is that the scriptural statement: "faith without works is nothing," is not an empty religious sophistry, but the bedrock of our scheme of individual liberty and the soul of the First Amendment to our Constitution. In other words, my message

here is: It's not enough to pay lip service to liberty by professing to believe in freedom; if you would have that belief respected and, more importantly, emulated by others, it must be lived out in your daily life, in all of its various aspects; personal, professional and public. It is only in action that the validity of a social philosophy can be properly judged and decisions made by those observing the demonstration, to follow or not, the example being set.

Many Libertarians claim to be atheists or agnostics because they observe the so-called Christians around them and see that they do not live out the ideals they profess to believe. What the Libertarians fail to see, and it is this that causes their philosophy to be so little embraced, is that they are being judged and found wanting by precisely the same standards; Libertarians don't live out the ideals they profess to believe.

This failure to act on the part of both groups does not invalidate their respective ideals. Rather, it merely indicates that neither group fully understands the principles involved. Neither Christianity nor Libertarianism is a "collective" belief. Both are and can only be intensely personal. Both require practicing as well as preaching. If, in fact, both were practiced as hard as they are preached, every Libertarian would be a Christian and every Christian a Libertarian by "active" definition; they both spring from the same seed.

So it is with "freedom" as that term is used and understood in our Constitution; as it is applied in our law. As a people, we do not understand and cannot, therefore, live in liberty. Because we lack, at present, this understanding we wrongly perceive the world about us; mistaking symptoms for diseases and effects for causes. This leads to finger-pointing, name-calling, and the erroneous laying of blame.

We populate a Republic, founded on a set of principles (the core of which is that individual liberty and self-government [personal responsibility] are paramount) and organized under a written Constitution which marks out the areas of personal, private and public responsibility. To secure

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THE BIG CASINO

A Fable by Stormy Mon

Once upon a time there was a huge gambling center named the Washington Casino. The bosses had a good thing going because they didn't need many assets backing the chips—they just printed more as required.

The rules were rigged so the house and its privileged friends always won in the long run. And they definitely were in it for the long run. If these ever-changing rules were questioned, the judges (who were on the house payroll . . . for life) decided the issue.

Occasionally some customers were thrown a few crumbs of winnings which would be widely advertised, especially during the times the house managers were elected. The players were assessed (taxed) a cover charge for the privilege of participating in the games, and watching the continuous show in sheltered, secure comfort.

This was all a relatively painless and entertaining way of being robbed, and was

touted as a great improvement over former, more violent methods. But the people didn't know they were being duped because the house benevolently ran orientation schools for children so they would love and respect The Game when they were old enough to play. One of the main purposes of this indoctrination was to convince the kids that theirs was the best, fairest game in the world, with the highest payoff. Youths were encouraged to join the house security squads to protect against enemies from other casinos.

To help solve this continuing conflict problem, a United Casinos (UC) organization was formed after one of the great gambling wars. The UC land was donated by a wealthy casino boss and located where many of the chips and directors were, so they could keep an eye on things. Some of these Big Bosses (who had already formed multi-game alliances) dreamed of creating a ONE WORLD CASINO (including the heavens) so they could control a bigger game, and live happily ever after.

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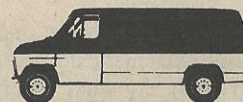
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By Kate Barriteau

Greetings, and happy belated Liberty Day!!

We haven't published a LIBERTY in several months, so this issue is an update and bulletin of hot happenings.

I'd like to pick up the banner held so long by Carolyn Phelps and continue to present the LIBERTY with the same high editorial standards. I encourage all of you to support, as you have so generously done in the past, by contributing articles and editorials, as well as providing suggestions for improving future editions. I'd like to see:

- articles with a positive look at libertarian ideals in practice—and working!
- reviews of books (non-fiction and FICTION), movies, theater, art exhibits, etc. that might be of interest to libertarian thinkers.
- political cartoons and other graphics.
- editorials, commentaries and regular columns.

I would also like to take this opportunity to . . . thank Bob and Betty Hurt for sharing their lovely home and delightful company with us every second Wednesday of the month . . . congratulate Jan Prince for being the voice of liberty on national television this past June . . . commend Mike Zink for his carpentry expertise in constructing Dave Aitken's booth for the People's Fair . . . wish Mary Margaret luck in creating a libertarian community in Fort Collins (see related information on FREEDOM NOW in this issue.) . . . and thank Jackie Erickson for offering her production expertise by typesetting this news-



From the chair

AN ASSESSMENT OF YOUR STATE PARTY'S HEALTH

By PENN PFIFFNER

Heard anything bad about the Libertarian Party lately? You might appreciate one viewpoint obtained from day to day contact with things Libertarian.

The principles of Libertarianism and the concrete proposals to implement them seem to be accepted by an unprecedented proportion of Coloradans. However, support within the Party seems to be at the lowest point this decade.

Most of our interim political goals are accepted by the voters who are willing to try transportation deregulation, lower taxes, education vouchers/credits, and other steps toward more freedom. We could win election races on our themes.

Another positive sign is that many people who years earlier were uncomfortable with our proposals to roll back the welfare state are now accepting the sense of those proposals. They watched as the Colorado legislature, dominated by Republicans, increased spending each year to the legal limit. They heard a Democratic governor say improvement of the human condition was hopeless unless the government gets vastly expanded powers and saw the same governor send National Guard troops to Honduras this summer. Most people are now very willing to listen to the consistent, reasoned and well-defined Libertarian views, and these people are really fellow travellers.

as if we pulled together on a particular set of programs.

Would you want less than the straight truth on how your Party is doing? Too many "outsiders" are asking if the Party is still around!

People simply haven't seen enough of our efforts. Our ability as a Party to follow through is lacking. We have fewer and fewer candidates each election year, and more of those are lineholders who do not commit to such efforts as participating in debates or interviewing with the local newspapers. Many positions of responsibility within the Party go begging.

I can recall a big meeting held about four years ago when Ruth Bennett, John Mason and Paul Grant, among others, foresaw the malaise and warned us that a renewed commitment would have to be found. Perhaps the problem is the real success the Party experienced over the first ten years. In 1972, there weren't enough people around to "let the next guy do it." In 1986, if one person doesn't get around to working in the political arena for the cause of freedom, there are dozens of other Libertarians to pick up the slack. It was a conservative Republican who pushed the Tax Limitation Initiative.

The potential is great for some very big Libertarian gains over the next four years. Many things are going well. Our efforts are going forward this year, particularly with

In order to make it a long term success, the drive will need to come from the reader.

What could your Party do better? It could use individuals to organize student groups on the college campuses, others to reach out to groups of individuals with defined special interests. Others might identify and fill political offices which can be won through appointment (there are already four Libertarians holding such offices in Colorado)! Still others, it has been suggested, could organize the "grass roots" level by forming local County Affiliates.

The Party structure is the vehicle for implementing our principles of freedom. Any vehicle needs all its parts in place to make it run. It does not operate with only a chassis and two tires. It has got to have the engine, the fuel, and so on. For the same reason, the Party needs help to complete our vehicle.

If such help does not materialize, do we have the patience to understand the reason for the lack of progress? Our principles and goals are correct, so we should not be frustrated because the vehicle is incomplete. We need the people willing to build and to work at the problem of getting elected and becoming a dominant force in the political arena.

The National Party's stated goal is to become a "majority Party". With our vehicle whole and in place, that can be our goal too. It will be a task to be accomplished with perseverance, with a steady commitment that does not exhaust the person in one campaign season. Can we achieve it? The British Labor Party may be an instructive example. It overtook the Liberal Party earlier this century in what was a two party system, much like America's political system today.

Marshall Fritz of the Advocates for Self-Government believes that it will take 28 years for our principles to take effect and the Party to enjoy real success. We seem to be on track today for that timing. To realize that momentum perhaps we will see

Jackie Erickson for offering her production expertise by typesetting this newspaper . . . also, thumbs up to *WEST-WORD* for its in-depth and informative article on the late John Grandbouche and the NCBA's current fight with the IRS.

views, and these people are really fellow travellers.

Wouldn't it be great to take advantage of the situation?

Perhaps the things we Libertarians are doing individually are not working as well

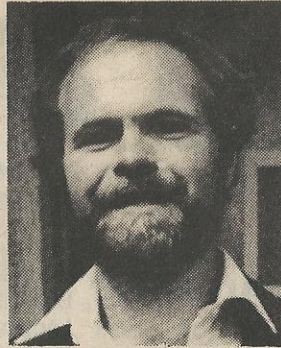
Libertarian gains over the next four years. Many things are going well. Our efforts are going forward this year, particularly with the very professional "Aitken for House" campaign in State House District #6. We are already starting to prepare for 1987 and 1988, identifying the most likely, "do-able" races.

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Please call if you would like suggestions on how to make it happen.

Don't waste your vote - vote Libertarian!

by DWIGHT FILLEY



You hear it a lot, the notion that "I would have voted for the Libertarian, but I didn't want to waste my vote."

What does that mean, waste a vote? It's time to re-examine why we vote in the first place.

We vote, of course, to try to get the best person to represent us, i.e. the person who most closely agrees with our political views. Now if the Libertarian candidate is the one who most closely agrees with our views, he or she has to be our only choice.

That seems simple enough, but let's examine some of the reasons given for "not wasting a vote."

Probably the most common one is the "close race" problem. Let's say you like the Libertarian the best, the Democrat second best, and the Republican least. In a close race, your vote for the Democrat might be the one to get him elected, so in this case you would have a profound effect upon the outcome.

But you *still* don't get your first choice, and besides, it is very rare, even in small races, for the outcome to be decided by a single vote.

So it boils down to a mild form of vanity to think you might be the one to swing a race. The odds are enormously against it. And for the extremely doubtful chance of "changing history," you have given away your chance to *really* say what you feel.

Another reason given for "not throwing away a vote" is that you, the voter, feel there isn't much chance for the Libertarian to win. This makes even less sense, because if you are trying to vote for a winner, you certainly are not voting for someone who most closely agrees with your political views. If Attila the Hun looked like he might win some election, would you consider voting for him?

A vote for either of the older parties tells the system you think the status quo is just fine.

A vote for a Libertarian tells the system of your discontent.

THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER: OH SAY CAN YOU SING

By P. Donohue Shortridge

The following article is in reply to Michael D. Ripps' RMN column, 7/20/86, "Americans Deserve an Anthem They Can Sing".

Awake citizens, stand up and sing the Star Spangled Banner! Let there be no halt or stammer in your voice. Do not be embarrassed, do not hesitate. Sing loud and strong and clear, else don't sing at all. Gauge your voice as you would judge the mighty verse, for America's poem is like herself, strong and free and hard won, yet lost quickly through dispassion and neglect.

To you mumbblers, discard Dawnzerly light. Acclaim, instead, the dawn's early light. Hear the hymn fresh and renew your bond to America's torch. To those who don't sing at all, open your heart and hear the verse. Then ask, "Does this poem mean America to me?" When you discover the connection, a new source of strength will propel your voice through the octaves. And to proud voices everywhere, strong and clear, who know why it is sung, hold fast and firm. Do not be swayed by trendy peddlers of false hearts, who cry for a new song. They judge the ballad with out-of-context swipes at "rockets and bombs." They would have something pretty and easy.

Who are these criers in the night, who proclaim with such shallow authority that anew symbol must be found? Do they not understand the poem, or is it that they do, and no longer believe it is America?

Take on these contenders! Answer to them as you would to yourself that America is "the home of the brave and the land of the free." Listen, as the stanzas tell of an American test of bravery. The test of 1812 challenged America's resolve to remain a nation. Our infant country, strong in her belief that this land of the free was worth

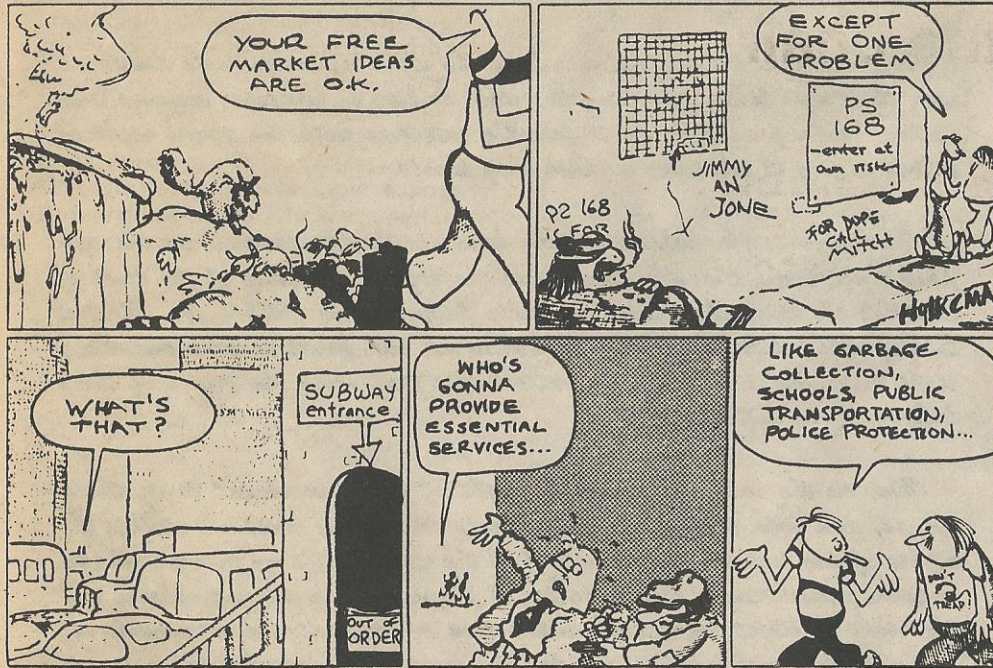
fighting for, stood brave in her defense against the British, and prevailed. In the last stanza, Francis Scott Key speaks from his time to all time, imploring citizens to keep asking the question: Will we face our contenders with such steadfast courage? Will we remain free and brave?

Why discard the Star Spangled Banner as our national anthem? Webster defines national as "characteristic of, or peculiar to a nation." Is it our "purple mountains majesty" or our "amber waves of grain" that are unique? The mountains in Yugoslavia are beautiful and the East Germans are undoubtedly proud of their vast fields of grain. No, although bountiful, our national resources do not set us apart. America's peculiarity, her essential characteristic is the incredible premium her citizens place on personal freedom.

Americans today, as in Key's day, face threats to this personal freedom, both at home and abroad. Terrorist extremists kidnap Americans for political ransom. Totalitarian regimes enslave increasing numbers of the world's population and look at America as the ultimate prize. Consider the internal threat of those who would legislate our personal lives, such as what we may read, who we may sleep with and which sex acts are illegal. Each threat is as serious as the other and each tests the strength of the American character. How, if and when we respond calls for bravery and clarity of purpose.

Now and forever, we are challenged to remain conscious of America's anthem. We must know clearly what is worth fighting and perhaps dying for. Not to know, dooms Americans to fight and die for vague and muddled causes. The eternal question should never stop being asked. It is our anthem. Are we still the land of the free and the home of the brave?

and Comments



Randall K. Hylkema

Creating Reality

By Jan Prince



Recently, two unrelated events prompted me to examine an old theory in a new way. One event was a speech given by author Robert Anton Wilson and the other was the relatively peaceful transference of power in the Philippines.

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But let me digress a moment to add one more point. Wilson also noted that polls indicate people in the U.S. have less faith in the abilities of governments to solve problems but are optimistic about their own abilities to create a better life for themselves. He predicted that governments will be an anachronism by the year 2010.

Meanwhile back at the ranch—the media

Curb Drunk Driving Without Curbing Liberty

By Doug Anderson

The new prohibitionists, in their zeal to stop drinking, have found allies in the public with the issue of drunk driving. Before this alliance repeats a historical mistake, I ask the public to consider a libertarian solution to the problem of drunk driving. Here are five.

1. *Allow liquor stores to sell food items.* The physical and psychological effects of food on drink should be promoted. Availability is the first step in this process.

2. *Allow bars to choose their own closing hours.* As a former bartender, I know nothing encourages people to stay for one more than the approach of closing. This, added to the illogic of putting all the drunks on the road at the same time, makes the closing laws responsible for many deaths on the highway.

3. *Allow free market cabs and buses.* The current system of PUC controls gives potential drunk drivers few options. A wait of 30-45 minutes for a cab has often turned good citizens into bad. Deregulation would

also allow more creative agreements between bars and transportation firms.

4. *Allow parents to decide the appropriate age for children to begin drinking.* Teaching children to drink responsibly in family and social settings would discourage the type of behavior responsible for death on the highways. It should be noted that raising the drinking age to 21 has been proven to raise, not lower, highway fatalities due to unsupervised drinking.

5. *Allow distillers to determine the proof of products they sell.* The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms gave the kiss of death to a low proof vodka by requiring that it be labeled diluted. Would you buy a diluted vodka? How about a lite beer?

The liquor industry tries very hard to responsibly offer relaxation and enjoyment. It is often hamstrung with regulations and laws, some of which are proposed by the same neo-prohibitionists who point accusingly at Drunk Driving.

The Vanishing American

by John Lonergan

Is there more to the federal deficit than meets the eye? We occasionally hear about the 2 trillion dollar deficit and what the long term ramifications of it may be, but it's difficult to muster concern about a problem that may be coming at some time in the future. Our government has established a policy of deficit spending. It has happened regularly over the past few generations. How can Americans of reason seriously believe it will stop all of a sudden? The government

deductions for borrowed living and one who has borrowed to the limit his creditors will allow. Who will pay the highest tax? It appears to me that the person who puts off buying creature comforts is helping the person who already has them by paying higher taxes. This condition was created by the government. Many of the stalwart prudent spenders are becoming aware of this dilemma and they are shifting in ever increasing numbers to the spendthrift camp.

Wilson is the author of, among others, *The Illuminatus Trilogy* and *The Cosmic Trigger* and is known for his optimistic, unorthodox view of human evolution. His presentation, called the "Jumping Jesus Phenomenon," chronicled the geometrically expanding growth of knowledge, which he claims is doubling almost every year at this point in time. His assumption is that knowledge be given a measurement named "Jesus"—since other terms of measurement are given the names of scientists (i.e. the Ohm, the Watt)—and that in about 69 A.D. there was one Jesus of knowledge in the world. It then took until the year 1500 for knowledge to double to two Jesus; about 250 years (1750) to reach four Jesus; 150 years again (1900) to reach 8 Jesus; and the rate is now doubling each year. He also brought up the theory that the perceptions scientists have about their environment determine what they look for in their research, therefore affecting the direction of our accumulation of knowledge. Even though he didn't highlight anything new for me, he did remind me of a statement I have heard over the years from different sources: that *thought creates reality*. That premise is very hard to prove. It is also hard to disprove since our ability to research any idea is controlled by our ability to perceive!

But if we assume that beliefs/perceptions determine what happens and we consider the enormous power of the media, what happened in the Philippines a few months ago makes sense and conjures up all kinds of possible futures.

anachronism by the year 2010.

Meanwhile back at the ranch—the media in Manila had a tremendous influence in creating "People Power" and the ousting of Marcos. When Ramos and Enrile mutilated and were fortressed in rebel-held Camp Crane, citizens surrounded the buildings, sang their anthem and gave flowers to Marcos' soldiers, making it impossible for them to initiate force. Via television, the rebels had taught them the procedures to follow in interacting with the soldiers!

The rebels also took over the state-run television stations and replaced Marcos' inauguration ceremonies with an old John Wayne movie! The media in the U.S. was very pro-Aquino, and, I believe, influenced Reagan to pressure Marcos' resignation. It was hard to tell during that week of upheaval the difference between information and public relations.

The obvious influence of media in Aquino's takeover certainly made Wilson's point that thought determines reality. The perception by the Philippine people that they could determine the outcome of the election despite the vote fraud created that result. Media planted the seed, fertilized it with knowledge, then encouraged and documented the growth.

The possible future realities that can be determined by media is boggling. Teach people that they can do something, teach them *how* to do it, and the reality is then created.

Maybe more libertarians should get into the broadcasting business!

regularly over the past few generations. How can Americans of reason seriously believe it will stop all of a sudden? The government has consistently spent more and more each year. In the past 5 years it has put the American people in more debt than the entire accumulated debt since this country was founded. As a result of past patterns, we have become accustomed to this continual spiral of deficits. But something else has happened which may be far worse than the national debt.

The government, by its political, economic, and social policies, has fostered a condition in the United States which is eating away at the moral fabric of its citizenry. By its current taxing laws, the government has encouraged the American citizen to follow the same course it has been taking for years. Spend now, accumulate debt, enjoy the fruits of more than your labor. The tax laws are prejudicial to those who follow this government policy. They enjoy the most favored status when it comes to paying taxes. On the one hand you have Americans who conscientiously save and plan their purchases to coincide with saving objectives. Generally these are the people who, if they have debt, are anxious to pay it off as soon as possible. These people represent the last remnants of forefathers who built this nation into the finest in the world. They are the hard-working backbone of stability—the bedrock of America. They, like the buffalo, are a vanishing breed. Somewhere in their upbringing the moral and ethical values were inculcated. They carry with them the seeds of courage, but they are being challenged at every turn.

On the other hand, you have those who spend more than they save and who borrow whenever they can. These people live for today, which in itself is not so bad. Yet, there is something morally lacking. Should we all live by this "what, me worry?" attitude? We are sometimes referred to as a consumer society. Buying encourages expansion and with it comes new jobs and increased taxation. It is not surprising, then, that the government encourages consumerism because the short range effects are beneficial to all concerned. Again, we don't readily look at the long range effects for in the state of euphoria, tomorrow is but another day. Meanwhile, the tax laws are structured to benefit those who follow a reckless course of spending. Tax laws punish the thrifty to the benefit of the spendthrift. Show me the tax returns of 2 people earning the same amount of money, one with no

prudent spenders are becoming aware of this dilemma and they are shifting in ever increasing numbers to the spendthrift camp. Perhaps they believe that old adage: if you can't beat them, join them. Or perhaps, in utter frustration, they have capitulated to the system. That is a shame because we all suffer in the long run as the moral fiber erodes.

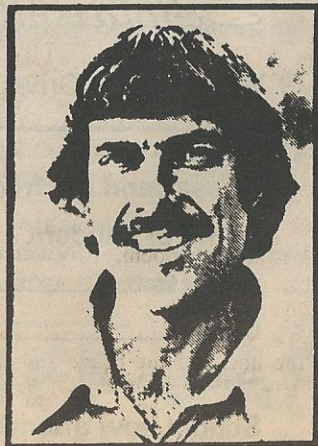
I'm not shocked by recent stories of thousands of foreclosed mortgages. We haven't heard it said, but I would guess that, the number of foreclosed homes in the country today is greater than at any time in the history of this country. I would not be shocked to find that the number of people who are filing or who have filed for bankruptcy is greater now than at any time in our history. This doesn't make headlines because it demonstrates that there is something wrong with the system. Instead, we will hear about Libya or Nicaragua. More and more banks are closing their doors every day on the victims of this fallacious thinking. Who will be left holding the bag for this economic policy? If you are in one of these two groups and like to share your feelings, ask your congressman what he or she is doing or has done to make the great country economically moral.

PRIVATE PRISON TYRANNY

As a libertarian ex-con (tax protest, contempt, etc.), I oppose private prisons. Free market advocates want politicized services privatized (mail, education, transportation, stadiums, convention centers, etc.) to make them more efficient . . . and shrink governments.

But given the current diarrhea of laws, we don't need more jails to oppress people, or a world-wide business lobby with an interest in keeping prisoners.

We can start to solve the problem by abandoning the recreational drug prohibition that only repeats all the mistakes of alcohol prohibition. We don't have too many prisoners—WE HAVE TOO MANY LAWS!

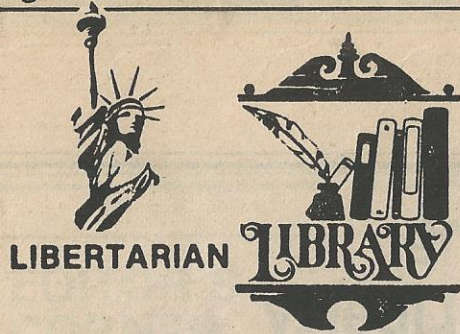


Stormy Mon



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Thanks to a recent generous Science Fiction donation, we now have a complete set of books by L. Neil Smith, including his most recent, *The Gallatin Divergence*. This book is dedicated to the memory of tax protester Gordon Kahl. Neil is a longtime libertarian activist who lives in Fort Collins, and many of his Sci-Fi books mention both Colorado locations and libertarian activists.

Another book donation has expanded our free market economic section, which is already quite extensive. We have also received more *Reason* magazines, and now have a complete set for the past ten years, as well as many earlier issues.

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Think About It

(Think, from Pg. 3)

the individual whose responsibility and duty it is to actively pursue and live out the "perfect law of liberty" from the tyranny of the majority, whether they are employed in private or public office, we set forth in our Constitution a Bill of Rights. And just as a belief in Christ or freedom is purely

through perversion of the law to these ignoble ends, we compel each citizen to stand still and be shaken down for his "fair share."

A more subtle approach, using different terminology, is employed in our "business dealings" with each other. Here, the theft is carried out by the "installment plan," the

Statement of Principles

We, the members of the Libertarian Party, challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual.

We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose.

Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle, that the State has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor. Even within the United States, all political parties other than our own grant to government the right to regulate the lives of individuals and seize the fruits of their labor without their consent.

We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that where governments exist, they must not violate the rights of any individual: namely, (1) the right to life — accordingly we support prohibition of the initiation of physical force against others; (2) the right to liberty of speech and action — accordingly we oppose all attempts by government to abridge the freedom of speech and press, as well as government censorship in any form; and (3) the right to property — accordingly we oppose all government interference with private property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support the prohibition of robbery, trespass, fraud, and misrepresentation.

Since governments, when instituted, must not violate individual rights, we oppose all interference by government in the areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals. People should not be forced to sacrifice their lives and property for the benefit of others. They should be left free by government to deal with one another as free traders; and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of individual rights, is the free market.

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as a belief in Christ or freedom is purely personal, so are the rights secured in this famous "Bill." These liberties are the personal property of the individual. They are not collective freedoms belonging to corporations or institutions; but, the property of the natural man—alone—to be used or abused by him in accordance with his knowledge and understanding or the lack thereof.

Without exception, our present social, political and economic ills, and our perceived loss of liberty, are directly caused by our personal lack of knowledge and understanding of our rights, the liberties they secure, and the personal responsibility upon which they depend for their vitality.

Our major institutions, both public and private, are administered through a process we loosely call "representative democracy." This means we choose, by the process of election, individuals to perform those public and private functions which are economically or politically beyond the means of any one man; but, remain necessary to the health, well-being and freedom of us all.

At present, three conditions or motives are predominant in our selection of officers for both public and private government: (1) avarice; (2) ignorance; and (3) apathy. This means, simply, that we delight in stealing from each other through government and business; that we prefer to remain ignorant of this fact; and, we are sublimely lethargic about changing the *status quo*, so long as we're ahead of the game or at least breaking even. Consequently, we select "representatives" who hold these same views to administer our public and private institutions, expecting them to go about the "business" as usual, and knowing their campaign slogans and promises to be empty rhetoric.

None of this is consistent with the principles of liberty, nor is it "constitutionally protected" as a fundamental right of man. No man has the natural right to compel another to be his slave, economically or politically. And, the provisions of our Constitution so state. This does not mean it can't be done; only that it can't be done as a matter of "natural" right. It is routinely done, today, because we have institutionalized our avarice. We call our "right to steal" by another name—it is a "civil (as opposed to military) right." We steal from each other through our governments, calling the theft "taxes," our receiving of the stolen goods a "subsidy" or a "benefit," and

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And, of course, when things don't go the way we want them to, it's never our fault; it's "big government," or "big business," the Fed, or some other bogus bogeyman who gets the blame.

The truth is, whenever anything in one's life goes wrong, the culprit is the person whose face is reflected in the mirror. The criminal is each of us, individually. The "M.O." is the same in all cases—personal greed, coupled with ignorance and an unbridled appetite for what's in the other guy's pocket which we want but haven't earned, leads us to lie to ourselves, cheat our neighbors, family and friends, and cry "foul" when we get caught.

If you really want to be "free" to live as man is intended to be, you can. But, it's not going to happen if you just talk about it; you must do it! That means no more lying to yourself, no more cheating and stealing. It means laying the blame for your life in your own lap. It means producing before you consume, paying cash or doing without, learning of your own rights and respecting those rights in others. It means taking responsibility for your every action; not relying on "insurance" to pay for your blunders while you plow blissfully ahead. It's all this, and much more.

These are only a few of the "fundamentals" of freedom. They are but a small part of the lessons I've learned over the past few years, and too which I can attribute the happiness which fills my present life. I do these things in order to teach about them, for I've learned that this is the only way to have the respect of my students: do it first; then, talk about the experience and let them see the results—live and in color.

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VIEW FROM THE CROWN

By Doug Nusbaum

Imagine a problem. Imagine that for some reason you had a small pile of garbage, say about two feet high and about 100 yards from your house. Every so often, when the wind was just right, you would get an unpleasant whiff. A trash man, who is passing by, notices this and suggests removal. He says that for \$20.00, he will remove the trash in a few days. You agree, and pay the man. A few days later you have a 4 foot pile of garbage now only 70 yards or 200 feet from the house. Well, the trash man says that there were some "unforeseen problems," and he will need \$50.00 to remove the trash, and he can get it done next week.

It's ten days later, and the pile is now 10 feet high and 100 feet from the house. So the trash man comes and says that "Other persons are causing . . ." But you know the story. The question is: How much are you willing to pay to have how big a stack of trash in your living room before you fire this incredibly inept person?

Sixty years ago, we had no drug problem. Sensible responsible persons today have no drug problem. We all have a drug law problem, caused by busybodies who will settle for nothing short of absolute control of your entire waking life. They want to control what you read, how you make love, to whom you make love, what goes into your body, how you make money, how you spend money. They even want to measure your feces and urine to make sure they haven't missed anything.

Today we have a drug problem in much the same manner as the person above had a trash problem, and the busybodies have been about as effective in controlling drugs as the aforementioned trash man was in removing trash. Every year more of your hard earned tax money is allocated to the 'problem' of drugs, and every year the 'problem' grows worse.

The problem grows worse because the problem is not drugs but drug laws. Short of having a police state, it is futile to attempt to control the use of drugs. The attempt is futile because as soon as control begins to be effective, then the price goes up (same demand, less supply causes increase in

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ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL . . .

- Dave Aitken has been steadily canvassing District 6 in an effort to meet the constituents and garner the signatures necessary to receive a lot on the November ballot. By the time you read this, the petition drive will be over, but those wishing to assist are urged to donate money or volunteer some time to help with leafletting.
- Good luck to Geoff Lloyd as he pursues the open State Senate seat in District 32.

personal appearances and speaking engagements in District 6. On Saturday, July 19th, Dave faced off against incumbent Jerry Kopel at TRACKS, a local Denver night spot catering to the gay community. Frank Ball, the Republican candidate, was also invited to speak, but he failed to attend the gathering.

- Be on the lookout for benches throughout the Capitol Hill area proclaiming

NATIONAL CONVENTION-1987

The next Libertarian National Convention has now been given a firm schedule. It will be held August 31 through September 6, 1987 (note that the date is NEXT year) in Seattle, Washington. The Colorado State Party will be able to send 15 to 25 members as voting delegates, based on historical percentages. These delegates will be chosen at our next state party convention, to be held over Memorial Day weekend next year. Suggestions for the National Convention themes and/or specific panels or events

to be effective, then the price goes up (same demand, less supply causes increase in price). This brings into the marketplace more persons willing to take greater risk, and willing to use more elaborate resources to achieve their end. Thus, every year more drugs are brought into and sold in this country. In many states, marijuana is the largest cash crop in the state. Every year there is more drug related crime, and more very rich criminals.

Some of you are worried because drug users cause crime. But you don't worry about an alcoholic breaking into your house to support his addiction. If he has enough money, he can buy a cure or drink himself to death. If he is poor he can take a cure in a charity clinic or support himself by panhandling, doing odd jobs, or rummaging through trash. And because alcohol is legal, he can get as drunk as he wishes for very little money. There is no need to steal, rob and murder.

What would happen if drugs were legal? More stupid people would commit suicide with drugs. But crime would go down. Way down. The drop in crime would be dictated by the laws of economics, those selfsame laws of which most politicians are ignorant, or wish to ignore. Making drugs is a very easy and inexpensive chemical procedure. The cost of street drugs reflects other overhead expenses. Bribes, risk, cost of underground transport, including expendable aircraft, high priced protection, money laundering, and so on. If those costs were removed, then drugs would cost only a tenth as much as they do now. What vegetable other than marijuana costs over \$100.00 a pound?

With reduced costs, a drug user would need to steal much less to support his habit. In addition, he would not be as inclined to 'push' drugs to obtain income, any more than an alcoholic sells alcohol on the street to obtain money to buy booze. With drugs costing very little, it is quite likely that the drug user would only harm himself, possibly by going so far as to kill himself. Of course those close to the addict would also be hurt emotionally, but I fail to see that it is the duty of the state to protect individuals from the emotional harm inherent in living. Indeed, I feel that it is the responsibility of persons to choose who they will associate with, and to raise their children in such a manner that their children will not become drug users.

- Good luck to Geoff Lloyd as he pursues the open State Senate seat in District 32. Again, anyone wishing to lend a hand would be most welcome.
- Dave Aitken has begun a round of

Pen is Mightier . . .

Do you have something on your mind that you'd like to let someone, anyone know about (like one of our esteemed(!) elected officials or the editorial departments of our local newspaper) but are having trouble putting your thoughts on paper? Well, there's good news for you on the horizon. Dwight Filley has started a letter-writing evening to be held every fourth Tuesday of the month at his home. Anyone interested in joining in this worthwhile endeavor is encouraged to do so. Come on out, share your thoughts, get a little moral support—and have fun besides!! For more information, contact Dwight Filley, 4547 East 16th Avenue (near Cherry), Denver, 322-2689.

Other benefits accruing from the legalization of drugs would be: A major source of money for organized crime would disappear. There would be fewer politicians getting rich from the drug trade. And make no mistake, without corruption at almost all levels of government, it would not be possible to have the type of massive drug law problem which currently exists. But that is precisely why we will continue to have a drug law problem. Those same politicians and social busybodies mentioned above want to protect people from themselves regardless of the cost. They firmly believe that while they can lead their own lives, others are incapable of doing so without help.

If you wish to reduce crime and virtually eliminate the drug problem, you have but two choices. The first is the form of military police state toward which we are heading. This includes the use of the military to suppress the drug trade, and the routine monitoring of your bodily functions in a manner now being proposed for professional football players. A better solution is to return to the idea that individuals own their bodies and are responsible for their behavior. Make drugs legal, and allow individuals to be responsible for and accept the consequences of the actions of themselves and of the members of their family.

- Be on the lookout for benches throughout the Capitol Hill area proclaiming Aitken's candidacy. It's the latest in successful (and highly visible!) advertising techniques.

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CAMPUS ORGANIZER: Pick one of eight campuses and get a libertarian student group started.

MINORITY OUTREACH COORDINATOR: Is the party doing all it can to show how our politics can help minority communities?

CLERICAL SUPPORT NEEDED: State chair needs a person to type letters and other clerical duties one morning a week. Please call Penn Piffner at 650-9239 if you can help out.

LIBERTARIAN INTRODUCTION: One pound mixed bag: pamphlets, newsletters, etc. FREE: Libertarian Library, Box 24269-X. Denver, CO 80224.

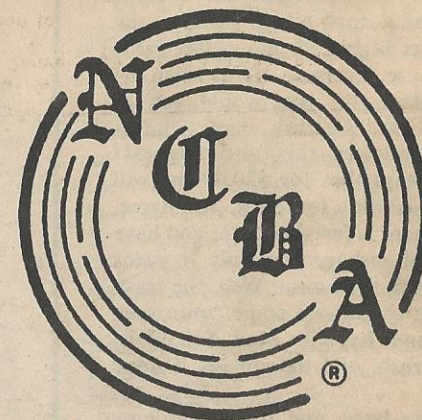
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NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DO NOT FILL OUT THIS APPLICATION IF YOU ARE ALREADY A MEMBER OF N.C.B.A.

If you are not a member of the National Commodity and Barter Association, and you wish to join, it is necessary to apply and join as follows:

Your Membership for the first year includes new, current, up-dated texts; CONSTITUTIONAL TAXATION AND LAW, LEGAL BRIEFS AND MOTIONS, and COURTROOM PROCEDURES. All members are required to have these texts as they are the foundation on which our educational program is based. These will be forwarded upon receipt of this application. This fee will be required again if membership is interrupted. New Memberships shall receive three (3) books whether or not applicant has previously purchased any of these books.

1st YEAR's FEE = 280.00
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I am joining N.C.B.A. at the new membership rate of 280.00 for the first year.
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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____

DATE: _____

In order that we may serve you better and keep you informed about your local NCBA meetings, we would like to give your name to our local representative in your area. But in order to do this we must have your release. Therefore, if you would answer the following question, it would be very much appreciated.

Yes, please give my name to my local NCBA Representative for contact about local meetings.

No, I do not wish, at this time, to have my name released to the local NCBA Representative.

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If so, which group(s): _____

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No _____: If so, what agency: _____

Are you currently redressing that agency in litigation? Yes _____ No _____

What court has jurisdiction: _____

Are you being represented by: Counsel _____ Other _____

3. The NCBA believes the only way to restore a constitutional government to our country is through political action. Are you currently involved in political action?

Yes _____ No _____

What actions are you taking? i.e., running for office, petitioning the government, etc? _____

If NO, would you like information to become politically active?

Yes _____ No _____

4. Have you attended any of the NCBA Seminars? Yes _____ No _____

If so, which one(s): _____

5. The NCBA affords all members an opportunity to get out of the Federal Reserve banking system by using our Warehouse Exchange, a service of the National Commodity and Barter Association. Would you like to learn how you can use this service? Yes _____ No _____

6. NCBA offers financial assistance to those who feel there may be a need due to legal endeavors. This self funding program is M.A.P. - Mutual Assistance Plan. Would you like information concerning this self help program? Yes _____ No _____

7. Would you host an NCBA Seminar? Yes _____ No _____

8. Would you be interested in representing NCBA in your area? Yes _____ No _____

9. Would you be interested in advertising items in a Barter Newsletter? Yes _____ No _____

10. How did you learn about the NCBA? Newspaper _____; Justice Times _____; Spot Lite _____; NCBA Meeting _____; NCBA Representative _____; Patriot Meeting _____; Friend _____; Other _____

If you have further questions, call or write to us, National Commodity and Barter Association, 8000 E. Girard Ave., Suite 215, Denver, CO 80231, (303) 337-9617.

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